HEIRS OF B. H. SOWDER.

June 8, 1898.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Colson, from the Committee on Claims, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 9055.]

The Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 9055) for the relief of the heirs of B. H. Sowder, have considered the same

and report as follows:

In 1860 B. H. Sowder contracted with the Government of the United States to carry the mails on eleven routes in Kentucky and five routes in Tennessee. On some of these routes he failed to enter upon the service, and his contracts were annulled; on others he abandoned the service, and on others he performed the service until it was interrupted by the war.

A statement furnished by the Auditor for the Post Office Department shows that there is a balance due B. H. Sowder, the contractor, of \$567.77 on said contracts.

B. H. Sowder is dead.

The committee report the bill, with the recommendation that it pass.

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